



FACT SHEET

# GRID RESILIENCE STATE AND TRIBAL FORMULA GRANTS: MONTANA

As states, tribes, and territories face threats from severe weather, the **Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants** will distribute **\$2.3 billion** over five years to strengthen and modernize America's power grid against wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural disasters that are exacerbated by the climate crisis. The first round of funding applies for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

In support of President Biden's Investing in America agenda, in September 2023, the Department of Energy awarded **\$14,067,392** to **Montana** via the Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants program, which is supported by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

State awards are based on a formula that includes factors such as population size, land area, probability and severity of disruptive events, and a locality's historical expenditures on mitigation efforts. Under the administration of the **Montana Department of Environmental Quality**, Montana will hold a competitive selection process to identify projects for which the roughly \$14 million in federal funding will be deployed.

## GOALS INCLUDE

- › Improving the reliability and resilience of Montana's electric transmission and distribution system by reducing vulnerability to disruptive events and natural hazards.
- › Reducing the likelihood and consequences of outages affecting community facilities and critical infrastructure.
- › Limiting the potential of wildfire ignition from transmission and distribution equipment and reducing the scope and consequence of precautionary wildfire-related public safety power shutoffs.
- › Increasing the skilled workforce within Montana by assuring that installed reliability and resilience measures can be operated and maintained by Montana-based businesses and laborers, where possible.

## HELPFUL LINKS

- › [Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grant Program](#)
- › [About the Grid Deployment Office](#)

